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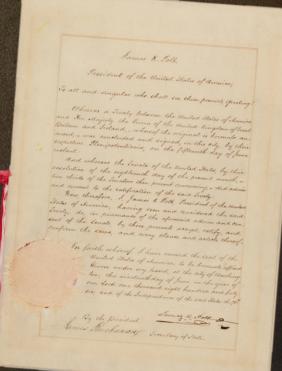
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OREGON
TREATY
JUNE 15, 1846



DECLARATION OF WAR MAY 13, 1846



BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas the Congress of the United States, by virtue of the constitutional authority vested in them, have declared by their act, bearing date this day, that, "by the act of the Republic of Mexico, a state of war exists between that Government and the United States:"

Now, therefore, I, JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the same to all whom it may concern; and I do specially enjoin on all persons holding offices, civil or military, under the authority of the United States, that they be vigilant and zealous in discharging the duties respectively incident thereto: and I do moreover exhort all the good people of the United States, as they love their country, as they feel the wrongs which have forced them on the last resort of injured nations, and as they consult the best means, under the blessing of Divine Providence, of abridging its calamities, that they exert themselves in preserving order, in promoting concord, in maintaining the authority and the efficacy of the laws, and in supporting and invigorating all the measures which may be adopted by the constituted authorities for obtaining a speedy, a just, and an honorable peace.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed to these presents. Done at the City of Washington the thirteenth day [L. s.] of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and of the independence of the United States the seventieth.

By the President : JAMES BUCHANAN, Secretary of State.

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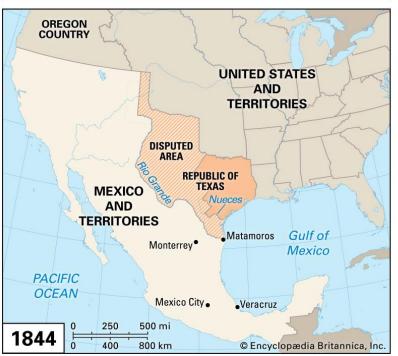












CHANGES TO THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO BORDER FROM 1835 TO 1848

- 1820 Spain opens the northeastern region of Mexico (later the Mexican state of Coahuila and Texas) to Anglo-American settlement.
- 1821 Mexico wins its independence from Spain.
- 1830 Wary of the swelling influx of immigrants from the United States, the Mexican government legislates against further settlement in Coahuila and Texas by Anglo-Americans.

October 1835 to April 1836 - Texas Revolution

May 14, 1836 - Republic of Texas recognized by Mexico in the Treaty of Velasco.

1845 - United States annexes Texas.

January 1846 - U.S. troops commanded by Gen. Zachary Taylor cross the Nueces
River (considered the border by Mexico) and advance to the
Rio Grande (considered the border by the United States).

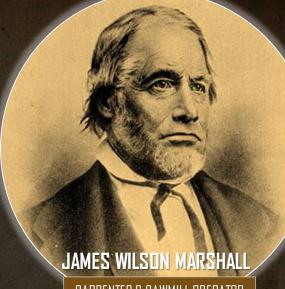
April 1846 to February 1848 - Mexican-American War

February 2, 1848 - Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo signed. Mexico cedes to the United States nearly all the territory now included in the states of New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, Arizona, California, Texas, and western Colorado for \$15 million.









FOUND GOLD ALONG THE AMERICAN RIVER IN COLOMA C.A. JAN. 1848

